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16 MAY 1964

Dear Bill,

This is in response to your letter of 1 May to Mr. McCone concerning your Senior Officer Counter-insurgency and Special Warfare Orientation Course. Your message concerning the course and the type of speaker you want from the Agency comes through loud and clear. I am pleased to designate John Richardson as the guest speaker for your next course during the week of 1-5 June. Further, I will personally undertake to see that the right man is designated for each of your courses in the future.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Marshall S. Carter

Marshall S. Carter  
Lieutenant General, USA

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UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIAL WARFARE SCHOOL  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina 28307

ATWS-AC

1 May 1964

Dear Mr. McCone:

The purpose of this letter is to discuss with you certain features of our Senior Officer Counterinsurgency and Special Warfare Orientation Course in which your representatives have been participating since its inception in June 1962.

This course was developed as a result of a recognized requirement to orient general officers, full colonels, and governmental civilians of comparable rank in the nature of counterinsurgency in particular and special warfare in general. To date, 67 general officers, 596 colonels, and 72 high ranking civilians among others have graduated from the course. It is evident that the presentation of effective instruction to this caliber of student is critical to the overall governmental internal defense/counterinsurgency program.

In order to achieve the most credible, effective instruction, we have found it necessary to rely heavily on guest speakers from national level agencies, who are also actively engaged in special warfare operations and can speak both authoritatively and candidly about current problems. Our success in obtaining the right kind of speaker from the various agencies in recent months has not been what I would like, and I am trying to rejuvenate the course because it seems clear to me that we have by no means gotten our message through to enough of the higher level people.

Your representative, Mr. Paul M. Chretien, who I understand is no longer available, was especially effective in portraying the activities of your agency in support of unconventional, psychological, and counterinsurgency operations in the past and present. In particular, he appeared to have more freedom - or perhaps was less inhibited - in responding to student questions than his successors. This feature is of great importance in a senior officer class as is reflected in our student evaluation file. It was to create an environment of frank give and take that this course requires both a TOP SECRET clearance and a need-to-know by all students.

ATWS-AC  
Mr. John A. McCone

1 May 1964

To the end of improving the effectiveness and attractiveness of this course, I request your assistance in obtaining Mr. John Richardson as a guest speaker in the next Senior Officer Course during the week of 1 - 5 June. The present Assistant Commandant, Colonel George C. Morton, who commanded Special Forces, Viet Nam for eighteen months, has worked with Mr. Richardson there and also [redacted] when Colonel Morton was advisor to [redacted]. He and I both believe that Mr. Richardson's fresh experience would very much contribute to giving this course a much needed shot-in-the arm.

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If you can approve this request, I will have a formal invitation prepared which will suggest a scope (based on Mr. Richardson's known background) and provide necessary administrative details.

I will appreciate any assistance you can give in this matter.

Sincerely,

*William P. Yarborough*  
WILLIAM P. YARBOROUGH  
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Commandant

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